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1767. He possibly did so through policy, the author of the *Noticia* also being a Jesuit. The mention of the "good and bad" principle as prevailing among the Pericues and Cotchimes is emphatically refuted by Baegert. Of the many more proofs that the *Nachrichten* is not a translation of the *Noticia* which might be given, one will suffice. To Father Baegert students may be thankful for having the philological interest to preserve and explain a specimen of the Waicuri language, something that does not appear in Venegas. The *Nachrichten* of Baegert has served to correct the over-favorable description of conditions in California. Not only is it the work of one who actually resided in Lower California, but it is also an independent and original contribution.⁴

JACOB H. HOFFMAN.

Reise-Skizzen in Poesie und Prosa. Gesammelt auf einer siebenmonatlichen Tour durch die Vereinigten Staaten von Nord Amerika. Von Peter August Moelling aus Neustadt a. W. Rheinpfalz, Bayern. Illustrierte Ausgabe. Galveston, Texas. Gedruckt in der Office des "Apologeten" und daselbst zu haben beim Verfasser.

This day, May 5th, I have found amongst a lot of old German religious books *Sketches of Travels (Reise-Skizzen)* by R. A. Moelling, published at Galveston, octavo, pp. 384. There is no indication of the year when this book was published; it evidently was not copyrighted.

From pages 1-16 are chapters relating to a trip from Galveston to New Orleans with a description of the latter.

The author occupied several pulpits while in the city. He went north as far as Minnesota, preaching as he went. There are many excellent portraits of ministers of his sect and a view of the Falls of Minnehaha. He traveled all over the Eastern States, then went to Indiana and Ohio, at which time he writes a poem on the Mason and Dixon line; he then returns to New Orleans by way of the river, and gives an account of the Lutheran ministers at that time preaching in the city.

Pages 328-343 are descriptive of this second visit; in the pages

⁴For numerous other examples of inaccurate reports on California consult pages 313-358 of the *Nachrichten*.

from 350-384 he describes a tour to Texas. The book is extremely interesting.

WILLIAM BEER.

The volume of *Proceedings of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, 1913-1914*, is just from the press. Besides the official proceedings of the seventh annual meeting of the Association at Grand Forks, North Dakota, in May, 1914, the volume contains a number of articles dealing with various phases of Western history. Unfortunately, an article on "Texas Trails" is thoroughly inaccurate and unreliable.

The May number of *The Texas History Teachers' Bulletin* (Volume 3, No. 3) begins the publication of "Source Readings in Texas History" for children in the grades. The selections in this issue, edited by Eugene C. Barker, are descriptive of life in the early colonies and are taken from *A Visit to Texas* (anonymous), published in New York, 1834, and from David Woodman, Jr., *A Guide to Texas Emigrants*, Boston, 1835. The *Bulletin* is edited by the history faculty of the University of Texas, and is published by the University.

State Documents for Libraries is the title of a bulletin of 163 pages by Ernest J. Reece, published May, 1915, by the University of Illinois. It deals with the character, "distribution, and bibliography of the official literature of the various States." It will be extremely useful to librarians who are interested in keeping up their files of official State publications.

The Tennessee Historical Society has begun the publication of a quarterly, *Tennessee Historical Magazine*, edited by Professor St. George L. Sioussat of Vanderbilt University. The first number, which was issued in March, contains "Colonel Burr's First Brush with the Law," by W. E. Beard; "The Indian Policy of the Federal Government and the Economic Development of the Southwest," by Donald L. McMurry; and documents and historical notes and news.

The *Galveston News* of December 20, 1914, contains an article describing how the news of the victory of San Jacinto was carried to President Burnet at Galveston. It is a summary of a pamphlet written by Captain R. J. Calder and published by Master Gerald Waldo Hayes, Galveston, 1877. Its title is, *The Story of the Messengers of San Jacinto! How the News of the Battle that Freed Texas was Conveyed to President Burnet at Galveston. As told by Capt. R. J. Calder, one of the Messengers.*

Austin Yesterday and Today is the title of an excellent illustrated sketch of the city of Austin, Texas, by Pearl Cashell Jackson. It is issued with the compliments of the American National Bank of Austin.

"Local historical research in one public library" by Lillian Gunter is the title of a paper published in *Public Libraries* for May, 1915. It deals with the history of Gainesville and Cooke county, Texas.